



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 3621

Appln. No.: 09/631,301

Examiner: D. Q. Le

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For: INDIVIDUAL AUTHENTICATION METHOD, INDIVIDUAL  
AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS, ACCOUNTING METHOD,  
ACCOUNTING APPARATUS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2002, the  
applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time and  
request amendment of the above-captioned application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows (Exhibit I contains a  
marked up version).

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of: 1. (Amended) An authentication method comprising the steps

(a) receiving a member ID information from a user through an  
open information communication line;